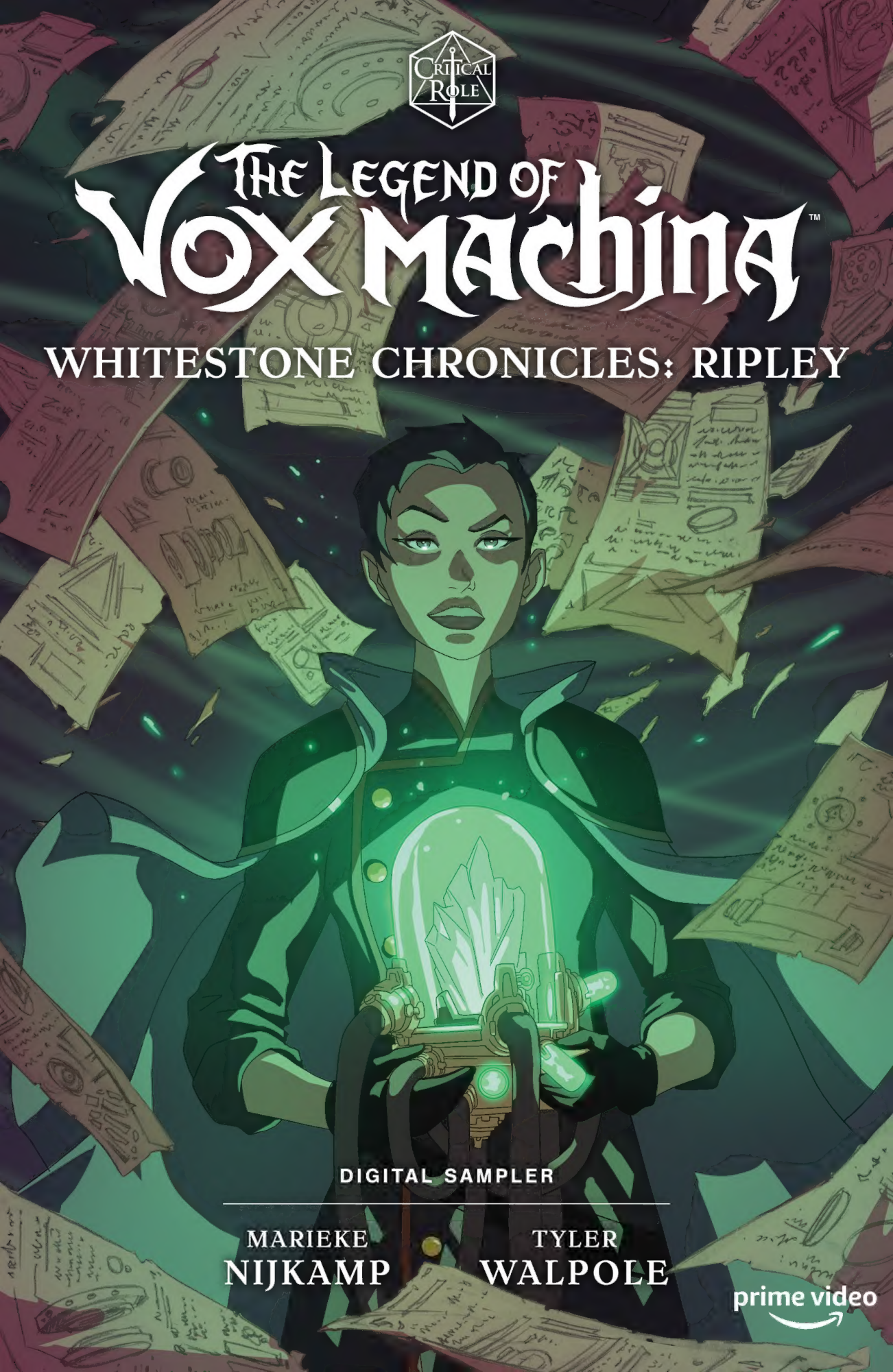
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PORT DAMALI.
YOU LOST YOUR COIN TO A CUTPURSE, NOT TO THE MOON.
I'M TELLING YOU, IT SPELLS ILL LUCK.
IGNORANT FOOLS.
WHAT A DESPERATE WAY TO LIVE, TO BE GUIDED BY PALTRY SUPERSTITIONS.
TO LET YOUR LIVES BE DETERMINED BY FORTUNE INSTEAD OF SHAPING IT THROUGH KNOWLEDGE . . .
...INGENUITY...
...INNOVATION.

ENLIGHTENMENT IS THE VERY FOUNDATION OF PROGRESS. AND THROUGH PROGRESS, POWER.
ONCE I RESUME MY EXPERIMENTS, THEY WILL SEE.

THIS IS WHAT I NEED TO CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER...
...ONE DAY.
DOCTOR RIPLEY, I PRESUME.
EMPIRE RATS! YOU WON'T TAKE ME BACK!
WE DO NOT SERVE THE EMPIRE. QUITE THE OPPOSITE, IN FACT.
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU. OUR EMPLOYERS WOULD LIKE A WORD.

THE SHADED STEIN
SIT.
DOCTOR ANNA RIPLEY. ENGINEERING WUNDERKIND. INFAMOUS INNOVATOR.
IT'S A *PLEASURE* TO MEET YOU.

ALLOW ME TO PRESENT LORD SYLAS AND LADY DELILAH BRIARWOOD OF THE DWENDALIAN--
NO NEED FOR SUCH FORMALITY, STONEFELL. I'M SURE THE GOOD DOCTOR HAS HEARD OF US.
MAY I OFFER YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK? WINE? ALE?
I *HAVE* HEARD OF YOU.
IT'S NOT OFTEN ONE MEETS A *DISGRACED* MEMBER OF THE CERBERUS ASSEMBLY.
AH, WINE IT IS.
WHY AM I HERE?
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

WE HAVE MUCH IN COMMON.
DO WE?
WE SHARE AN AVERSION TOWARD IGNORANCE AND NARROWMINDEDNESS.
ESPECIALLY WITH SO MANY FLAWS IN THE WORLD THAT NEED FIXING.
YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE WE FIND OURSELVES IN NEED OF A *UNIQUE* MIND,
SOMEONE ABLE TO ACCESS AN ANCIENT STRUCTURE--A *ZIGGURAT*--IN THE ALABASTER SIERRAS, IN TAL'DOREI.
YOU'LL NEED A GUIDE, NOT AN ENGINEER.
THERE IS NO EASY PATHWAY TO THIS ZIGGURAT. WE NEED SOMEONE OF INTELLIGENCE TO UNEARTH ITS EXACT LOCATION.
A RESEARCHER WHO ISN'T TOO SQUEAMISH TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE FOR THE SAKE OF DISCOVERY AND *KNOWLEDGE.*
WHO HAS THE ALCHEMICAL UNDERSTANDING NEEDED TO NAVIGATE THE ALABASTER SIERRAS' STRANGE MINERALS.

AND YOUR MAGIC CAN'T HELP YOU?
INTERESTING. YOU HAVE A DISTASTE FOR MAGIC?
FATHER!
I HAVE DISTASTE FOR MAGIC SO STRONG THAT NONE WILL WITHSTAND IT.
SUCH DESTRUCTIVE POWER REQUIRES A BALANCE. IT REQUIRES A RIVAL.
THE MINERALS PRODUCE A SUBSTANCE WITH MOST UNUSUAL PROPERTIES. IT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO YOUR EXPERIMENTS TOO.
YOUR WEAPONS DESIGNS ARE INSPIRED.
SO I SHOULD--WHAT, HELP YOU BECAUSE OUR PURPOSES ARE ALIGNED?
I ASSUME YOU HAVE PLANS FOR THIS ZIGGURAT BEYOND SIMPLE ARCHEOLOGICAL CURIOSITY.

OUR PLANS, AS I'M SURE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, ARE OUR OWN.
BUT UNLIKE YOUR PREVIOUS EMPLOYERS, WE WOULD *VALUE* YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.
WE WOULD PAY YOU HANDSOMELY.
FULFILL YOUR END OF THE BARGAIN, AND WE WILL SEE TO IT YOUR RESEARCH GOING FORTH WILL BE FULLY FUNDED.
IMAGINE HAVING YOUR OWN STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY FAR AWAY FROM THIS UNENLIGHTENED HELLHOLE.
A PLACE WHERE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PURSUE YOUR EXPERIMENTS WITHOUT PRYING EYES.
WITHOUT CONSTRAINTS OR ANYONE HOLDING YOU BACK.

THAT IS, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.
MAGIC IS NOT JUST POWERFUL, IT'S ARROGANT. UNTRUSTWORTHY.
AN OFFER THIS GENEROUS CANNOT BE GENUINE.
BUT HESITATION IS WEAKNESS IN THE FACE OF KNOWLEDGE AND OPPORTUNITY.
PROGRESS DEMANDS POTENTIAL WHERE LESSER MINDS SEE ONLY OBSTACLES.
IF NOTHING ELSE, IT'S MY TICKET OUT OF HERE.
I'M IN.
WHAT IS THIS FABLED PLACE OF ANCIENT STRUCTURES AND POWERFUL MINERALS?
TELL ME...

...HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF WHITESTONE?
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